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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Application Provisional Publication No. 57-54914, published on April 1, 1982, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,390,235 to MINOURA, issued on June 28, 1983. Applicant notes that the Japanese document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application; and

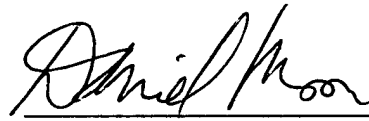
Japanese Patent Application Provisional Publication No. 60-126620, published on July 6, 1985, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,644,160 to ARIMOTO et al., issued on February 17, 1987. Applicant notes that the Japanese document is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the instant application.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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